

Series: Holy Week: United in Christ

Sermon: Validation of the Golgotha Reality

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-20, Matthew 27:15-27 (NASB)

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1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NASB)

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

8 and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

(1) Our purpose for living as Christians is invalid.

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NASB)

14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

(2) Our freedom as Christians is imagined.

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NASB)

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

(3) Our assurance as Christians is impossible.

1 Corinthians 15:18 (NASB)

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

1 Corinthians 15:19-20 (NASB)

19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

Matthew 27:15-26 (NASB)

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.

16 And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

19 Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let

him be crucified!"

23 *And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"*

24 *So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."*

25 *And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"*

26 *Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.*

1. Each Of Us, Like Barabbas, Has A Moral Debt To Be Paid.

Romans 3:23 (NASB)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23a (NASB)

232 For the wages of sin is death, ...

Hebrews 9:27 (NASB)

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment

2. Each Of Us, Like Barabbas, Can Have The Cross Of Christ Cancel Our Moral Debt.

Philippians 3:7-9 (NASB)

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Peter 2:24 (NASB)

24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.